

1 Remarks

2 Status of the Claims

3 No claims have been added, cancelled or amended via this Response. Thus,
4 the status of pending claims 1-36 is as indicated above.

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6 Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102

7 Claims 1, 3-5, 7-13, 16-22, 25, 27-29 and 31-34 are Finally rejected under 35
8 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No.
9 2001/0037267 ("Sato").

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11 Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103

12 Claims 2, 14, 26 and 36 are Finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being
13 unpatentable over Sato, in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,401,946 ("Weinblatt"). Claims
14 6, 15, 23, 24, 30 and 35 are Finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being
15 unpatentable over Sato, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,418,283 ("Wegman").

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17 Remarks Regarding Claim Rejections

18 The Applicants respectfully contend that Sato is not valid prior art with respect
19 to the claims of the pending Application, and have submitted contemporaneously
20 herewith a corresponding Declaration of Prior Invention under 37 CFR § 1.131 in
21 support of that contention. In view of the corresponding Declaration of Prior
22 Invention, the Applicants assert that the pending rejections of claims 1-36 (inclusive)
23 under 35 USC §§ 102 and 103 are invalid and should be withdrawn, and that claims
24 1-36 should be allowed.

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